



Hans and His Silly Mistakes

Once upon a time, in a quirky little village, there was a boy named Hans who was known for his silly mistakes. One day, Hans's mother asked him where he was going. "I'm off to see Grethel," he said. His mother reminded him to behave well.

When Hans met Grethel, she gave him a needle as a gift. But instead of keeping it safely, Hans stuck it in a hay-cart and lost it. His mother was amused and said he should have put it in his sleeve.

The next day, Hans went to see Grethel again. This time, Grethel gave him a knife. Remembering his mother's advice, he put the knife in his sleeve. But oh no! When he got home, the knife was gone. His mother chuckled and said he should have put it in his pocket.

On another visit, Grethel gave Hans a young goat. Hans, trying to be careful, tied the goat's legs and put it in his pocket, but when he got home, the poor goat was squished! His mother sighed and said he should have used a rope.

Then, Grethel gave Hans a piece of bacon. This time, Hans tied it to a rope and dragged it home, but hungry dogs gobbled it up on the way! Hans's mother laughed and said he should have carried it on his head.

When Hans received a calf from Grethel, he tried to carry it on his head, but the calf kicked his face! His mother, trying not to laugh, said he should have led it home.

Finally, when Hans went to see Grethel again, she decided to go home with him. Hans, not sure what to do, tied Grethel with a rope and left

her in the stable. His mother was surprised and said he should have looked at her kindly.

Hans, wanting to do right, gathered all the eyes of the calves and sheep in the stable and threw them at Grethel. But this time, Grethel was not happy. She freed herself, ran away from Hans, and decided never to be his silly bride.

And so, Hans learned that sometimes, trying too hard to do things right can lead to the silliest mistakes. From then on, whenever anyone in the village did something funny, they would say, "You're just like Hans!"